IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

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JURY QUESTIONS - Sealed

(Plaintiff)

Case No.:

P1300CR20081339

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Trial Date:

SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

STEVEN CARROLL DEMOCKER (Defendant)

The attached sheets are the original jury questions asked by members of the Jury regarding the above referenced trial.

1. Questions to the Court from the Jury Panel: (2 pages w/envelopes)

September 10, 2010.

Dear Judge Darrow,

I apologize for my outburst yesterday. In retrospect, I should have written down what I wanted to say to you and let you respond as you saw fit. I want you to know, it will not happen again.

I have read the jury instructions again and do not see a section that addresses what my question was and think either you do not understand what I was asking or I still do not understand what you want me to know from the jury instructions.

I asked a question yesterday and you all had a side bar to discuss which questions should be asked of the witness and which should not. You did not ask all of my questions which I understand. Several of my questions you all did agree could be asked of the witness and you asked them. The last question you asked; however, she sidestepped and did not answer, which no one seemed to notice but me.

Please tell me what proper procedure I should follow in this instance. If I am to let it go then I will. If this is the case it seems pointless to ask questions since the witness can simply choose not to answer them. I can stop asking questions and simply go with what is provided from the prosecution and defense, but I will have less clarity in making my decision in the end and the quality of the rest of Mr. Democker's life is at stake here.

I will follow whatever instruction you give on this issue. If I am still misunderstanding the jury instructions please tell me which page and section to reread so I can understand what I am to do.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and address this issue. I realize how valuable your time is and have no wish to waste it.

Sincerely,



Judge Darrow

Your Honor in light of the embarrassing demand in open court by a jurist to have a witness answer question yesterday, Sept. 9, 2010, I now think the following incident may need to be brought to the courts attention;

Yesterday Sept. 9, 2010 after the lunch recess, while the jury was waiting in the jury room, the above jurist insisted on telling us that "It was common practice for the defense to hire people to follow the jury members around to intercept the jurist cell phone calls, in order to gather information for a mistrial."

field this even while several jurist asked to stop and said it was not an appropriate topic for the jury room.

would not stop and insisted that knew what was talking about.

For the most part the jurists just shook their heads and probably just chalked it up to this particular jurist's repeated actions to appear to "KNOW IT ALL" and be the "CENTER OF ATTENTION".

I, as I am sure the rest of the jury apologize for this jurist action in open court.